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Fund started for renovation of City Hall

A fund to restore Carbondale City Hall has been started, it was announced last week. The purpose of the fund will be to repair the clock in the tower, the roof and outside walls of the structure, which was built in 1893.

The fund was started after an editorial in the Septembeer 2 issue of the NEWS proposed setting up a fund to repair the aging building. In response to that editorial, S. Robert Powell of Carbondale sent in a $100 donation to start the restoration fund. A local history authority, Mr. Powell is involved with Sheffield Publications, Inc., which publishes the historical quarterly **Northeastern Pennsylvania.** The quarterly is comprised of detailed articles on the past history of the region.

NEWS managing editor David Baum has also received other donations for the fund from NEWS readers, some from as far away as Florida.

"I am very surprised and pleased at the response to the editorial," said Baum. "Mr. Powell and I held a meeting November 6 and besides starting the bank account for the fund, we discussed the possibility of trying to place the city hall building on the state and national historical landmark lists."

"We are in the process of investigating what state and federal funds and grants are available to help fund the restoration work. The possibility of finding funds from private foundations is also being looked into," Baum said.

Baum added that he will meet with several people this week to discuss a repair estimate given by a Harrisburg firm for the large clock, which presently is not working in the tower of city hall. Further details on the possible repairing of the city hall clock will be released next week after the meeting.